In the Claims:

- 1 1. [Currently Amended] A method comprising:
- 2 defining a warranty start event for a product for printing documents,
- 3 wherein the warranty start event comprises printing a specified number of
- 4 documents greater than one;
- 5 printing the specified number of documents greater than one using the
- 6 product;
- 7 generating a timestamp for the product after detection of the occurrence
- 8 of said warranty start event;
- 9 storing said timestamp in a memory; and
- 10 wherein the product is for producing output, and wherein said warranty
- 11 start event comprises production of a specified quantity of the output
- 12 reading said timestamp from said memory to determine said warranty
- 13 start date.
 - 1 2. [Canceled].
 - 1 3. [Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 1 wherein
 - 2 said memory is internal to the product.
 - 1 4. [Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 1 wherein
 - 2 said step of generating a timestamp comprises obtaining said timestamp from a
 - 3 clock internal to the product.
 - 1 5. [Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 1 wherein
 - 2 the product is connected to a data network, and wherein said step of generating
 - 3 a timestamp comprises obtaining said timestamp over the network using the
- 4 product.
- 1 6. [Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 1 wherein
- 2 the product is connected to a data network, and wherein said memory is
- 3 remotely located from the product and is accessible over the network.

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- [Canceled]. 7. 1
- [Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 1 wherein 8. 1 the product is for connection to a data network, and wherein said step of 2 generating a timestamp comprises obtaining a timestamp over the data network. 3
- [Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 8 wherein 1 9. said step of obtaining a timestamp over the network comprises connecting to a 2 time server over the network, querying said time server with a network time 3 protocol query for a time value, and obtaining a time value from said time server 4 in a network time protocol. 5
- [Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 1 wherein 1 said step of storing said timestamp in said memory further comprises encrypting 2 3 said timestamp.
- [Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 10 wherein 1 11. the method further comprises the step of outputting said encrypted timestamp 2 3 from the product.
 - [Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 1 wherein 12. the method further comprises the step of continuously searching for occurrence of said warranty start event to detect the occurrence of said warranty start event.

Claims 13-30 [canceled].

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[Previously Presented] A method as defined by claim 1 wherein 31. 1 the generating the timestamp comprises generating the timestamp using the 2 3 product.

Claims 32-34 [canceled].

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